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1. SUMMARY:

--PRESS COVERAGE OF OAU SUMMIT REMAINS SUBDUED (SEPTTEL);
-- A PRAVDA COMMENTARY BY YU. ALESHIN BLASTS
THE ACTIVITIES OF RADIO LIBERTY AND RADIO FREE EUROPE
CLAIMING THEY VIOLATE THE CSCE PROVISIONS ON NON-
INTERFERENCE (SEPTTEL);
-- PRAVDA'S EDITORIAL ADDRESSES THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CRISIS
FOR THE FIRST TIME, BUT VERY CAREFULLY;
-- ON GROMYKO'S VISIT TO JAPAN, PRAVDA
COVERAGE OF EXCHANGE OF TOASTS WITH MIYAZAWA JAN 12 IS BRIEF,
CHILLY AND INTRIGUING FOR GROMYKO'S MBFR PLUG. END SUMMARY.

2. ITALY. PRAVDA'S EDITORIAL BY NIKOLAY PROZHOGIN PROVIDES THE
FIRST ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENTAL CRISIS IN ITALY. THE ARTICLE IS
CAREFUL AND NON-COMMITTAL, AND CLOSELY FOLLOWS THE PCI LINE. IN
ESSENCE, PROZHOGIN EXPRESSES HOPE THAT A WAY OUT OF THE CRISIS CAN
BE FOUND.

3. JAPAN. PRAVDA CARRIES A REPORT ON GROMYKO'S ACTIVITIES IN TOKYO
ON JAN 12 INCLUDING HIS AUDIENCE WITH THE EMPEROR AND MEETINGS WITH
PRIME MINISTER MIKI AND DEPUTY PREMIER FUKUDA. IN REPORTING THE
EXCHANGE OF TOASTS AT GROMYKO'S RETURN BANQUET,
THE ITEM REPLAYS MIYAZAWA'S REMARKS BRIEFLY AND IN
CHILLY TONE. GROMYKO'S SPEECH IS GIVEN MUCH MORE
SPACE BUT IS NOT MUCH WARMER. GROMYKO STRESSED THE
CONSISTENCY OF MOSCOW'S "PRINCIPLED" FOREIGN POLICY
AND OF ITS COMMITMENT TO DETENTE. HE PRAISED THE
HELSINKI RESULTS AND UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF
THE VIENNA MBFR TALKS, THEN ADVOCATED EXTENDING THESE
CONCEPTS TO ASIA "THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE, COLLECTIVE EFFORTS OF ALL
ASIAN STATES." MBFR LANGUAGE,
SET IN CONTEXT OF PLUG FOR COMPLEMENTING POLITICAL
WITH MILITARY DETENTE, READS: "(THE SOVIET UNION)
WILL DO EVERYTHING THAT DEPENDS ON IT IN THIS
DIRECTION. THIS ALSO REFERS TO OUR EFFORTS IN THE VIENNA
NEGOTIATIONS, IN WHICH QUESTIONS OF NATIONAL REDUCTION
OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE ARE BEING
CONSIDERED. MATLOCK

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